

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acknowledgment

In order for the Society for Investigative Dermatology to generate additional funds and further expand its activities in the field of dermatology, a new class of membership, known as Corporate Sustaining Membership, has been established. The Society wishes to acknowledge the support of the following companies, who are Corporate Sustaining Members:

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The Society also wishes to acknowledge Westwood Pharmaceuticals for its support of the Resident-Fellow memberships.

The Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc. Research Training Fellowship Award

These fellowships are designed for individuals embarking on academic careers who wish to spend one or more years working primarily in basic research under the guidance of a sponsoring investigator. The Fellowships, which provide a stipend of \$16,000 per year, are not intended to support individuals who have substantial teaching and/or patient care commitments.

Applications may be obtained from W. Mitchell Sams, Jr., M.D., Secretary-Treasurer, Society for Investigative Dermatology, Department of Dermatology, North Carolina Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27515. Deadline for submitting applications is October 15, 1977. Awards will be announced by December 15, 1977, and may commence any time between January 1 and July 1, 1978.

Western Regional Meeting

The Western Regional Meeting of the Society for Investigative Dermatology will be held jointly with the Dermatology Subsection of the Western Section of the American Federation for Clinical Research, the Western Society for Pediatric Research, the Western Association of Physicians, and the Western Society for Clinical Research. The meeting will be held Feb 1-3, 1978, Carmel, California. Inquiries may be addressed to: Ervin Epstein Jr., MD, 400 Thirtieth Street, Oakland, California 94609.

Abstracts are solicited and must be received by Oct 5, 1977, and should be submitted on current AFCR or SID forms.

Following the Dermatology Subsection, the Society for Investigative Dermatology

will present a symposium entitled "Physiologic Functions of Inflammatory Mediators."

Psoriasis Research Award for 1977

The Department of Dermatology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, announces the Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Taub International Memorial Award for Psoriasis Research for 1977.

This annual award of One Thousand Dollars was established in 1957 by Carol and Henry J. N. Taub in honor of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Taub. Their establishment carried with it the hope that the award would be an incentive to develop a cure to alleviate one of the problems of mankind.

The award is designed for the individual or group whose investigative work in this field has been the most outstanding. Names of applicants for the award, together with supporting data, should be submitted for consideration by Dec 1. Results of the research must have been presented before a dermatological medical society or published in a recognized medical journal.

The award's recipient will be determined by a committee of seven men. If, in the committee's opinion, none of the applications reflect outstanding research, no award will be given for the year.

Address all communications to: John M. Knox, MD, Professor and Chairman, Department of Dermatology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas 77030.

The Patch Test Clinic

The Fourth Annual Patch Test Clinic will be held during the Academy of Dermatology meeting in Dallas in December 1977. Residents and physicians in practice are requested to work-up cases for presentation at the Clinic Symposium, where they will be discussed by a panel of experts and the presenter. Three categories of presentations are to be considered: (1) the most instructive case; (2) the most thoroughly worked up case; (3) and the most unusual case. Awards to honor achievement will be given to winners in these three categories.

Those interested should submit a history and photomicrographs of the clinical lesions as well as patch test results of as many cases as you wish to submit in each of the three categories to: Dr. William L. Epstein, M.D., Department of Dermatology, U.C.S.F., San Francisco, CA 94143. Prepare now for the deadline of Nov 1, 1977.